

Icarus' Flight

Ancient Greek

Icarus and his father, Daedalus, were in prison. It made Icarus very unhappy.

One day, Daedalus thought of a plan. He made two pairs of wings. He made wooden frames and stuck feathers on using wax.

The wings had straps on the back so they could be attached to their arms.

When the wings were ready, Daedalus and Icarus went up onto the roof. Daedalus told his son not to fly too high. Then they flew off.

Icarus forgot and flew too close to the sun. The wax melted, the feathers fell off and he fell down into the sea below and drowned.

1. Where was Icarus and why was he unhappy?

2. What did Daedalus make and what materials did he use?

3. Did Icarus listen to his father and what happened as a result?
